

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Ralf Lerner and Uwe Eckoldt  
Serial No. : 10/586,621  
Filed : August 18, 2008  
Title : PASSIVATION OF DEEP ISOLATING SEPARATING  
TRENCHES WITH SUNK COVERING LAYERS  
Attorney Docket : LEO 008 PA  
Examiner : Mohsen Ahmadi  
Art Unit : 2812  
Confirmation : 6530

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEWS

Discussions regarding claims 1, 21, 26, 31 and 33 were held during telephone interviews including a culminating telephone interview of 07/06/2009 noted in the Interview Summary, Form PTOL-413, which accompanied the Notice of Allowance mailed 07/16/2009. These discussions regarded amendments to be made to place the application in condition for allowance and culminated in the claim amendments that were made by Examiner's Amendment in the Notice of Allowance that accompanied the identified Notice of Allowance. No prior art was discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

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